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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/750,766	Applicant(s) EGAN ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 May 2005.
 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 10-18 and 20-23 is/are rejected.
 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7-9, 19 and 24 is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claim 1-6, 10-18 and 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kroll (US 6,700,895).

Regarding to claim 1, 14 and 20, Kroll teaches a method of voice optimization in a packet switched network, comprising: initializing default parameters for end-point devices on a network with respect to choice of preferred CODEC, number of voice samples per packet, and jitter buffer size 210; measuring performance parameters of a network 212-280; and evaluating whether the measured performance parameters signify that a connection to the network is below a desired level of operation 194 and, if so, adjusting the default parameters for the end-point devices based on the evaluating 196.

Regarding to claim 2, 18 and 23, Kroll teaches the adjusting includes performing functions that are selected from a group consisting of re-negotiating a CODEC connection, re-setting of parameters for the packet size and re-setting the jitter buffer 196.

Regarding to claim 3, 5, 11, 15 and 21, Kroll teaches the performance parameters being measured are selected from a group consisting of throughput, latency, packet loss, bandwidth, number of network hops to the end-point devices, round trip delay and any combination thereof 280.

Regarding to claim 4, 6, 16, 17 and 22, Kroll teaches the measuring is performed with at least one tool selected from a group consisting of a ping tool, a network trace tool and a packet loss measurement tool (Column 2 Line 36-39).

Regarding to claim 10, Kroll teaches measuring and evaluating existing performance parameters with respect to quality of connection 212-280, the initializing being based on the evaluating 196.

Regarding to claim 12, Kroll teaches evaluating the measured performance parameters with respect to quality of connection 212-280 and performing the adjusting as a result of the evaluating 196.

Regarding to claim 13, Kroll teaches the adjusting is carried out during transmission of media to the end-point devices (Column 6 Line 55-64).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claim 7-9, 19 and 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed on May 23, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to pages 8-9, the applicant argues that Kroll does not disclose initializing the jitter buffer or any of the other parameters and does not disclose adjusting the parameters of the CODEC or the number of voice samples per packet. Kroll, however, teaches initializing the jitter buffer size (see step 190 in Figure 6). Furthermore, the claim language is written in a way such that it is claiming initializing one of three possible parameters (CODEC, number of voice sample per packet and jitter buffer size). Kroll teaches initializing 190 the jitter buffer size and also teaches adjusting 196 the jitter buffer size due to the network performance 194.

Therefore, the examiner contends that Kroll teaches every element of independent claims.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is

filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

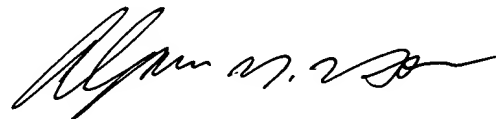
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clemence Han whose telephone number is (571) 272-3158. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7 - 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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